## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and a device for activating a restraining arrangement, in which the restraining arrangement is triggered as a function of the crash type and/or the crash severity. The crash type is derived from a signal characterizing the crash. The crash type is ascertained by analyzing signal and slope values of the signal characterizing the crash using threshold values. The crash severity is derived from the crash type and information about the velocity of vehicle.

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